

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Mary Ann D. Brow *et al.*  
 Serial No.: 08/520,946  
 Filed: 08/30/95  
 Entitled: **Rapid Detection And Identification Of Pathogens**

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

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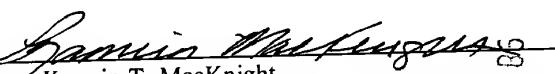
Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David Casimir, Esq. on August 9, 2001.

2. The claims have been amended as follows:

3. 1. (Three times amended) A method of comparing cleavage products comprising the steps of:

a) providing:

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- i) an enzymatic cleavage means;
- ii) a test nucleic acid substrate containing sequences [derived] from one or more microorganisms; and
- iii) control cleavage products produced by cleavage of a reference nucleic acid [derived] from a reference microorganism;

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